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The reply filed on 11/21/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has elected one member of the cartridge species A and B but applicant should have also further elected one member of the forming and locking means species C, D, or E and one member of the cartridge inlet species F or G. So far, applicant has elected Group I and species A. He therefore further must elect one of the forming and locking means and one of the cartridge inlet means for the response to be complete. He must also state which of the claims are readable on both Group I and the Species he has elected.


The amendment also is considered to be non-compliant because it failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 as amended on 9/8/2000. A marked-up version of the amended claims is required. See 37 CFR 1.121 © (i) (ii). A sample amendment format and explanation is attached. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Steven Weinstein whose telephone number is 703-308-0650. The examiner can generally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 703-308-3959. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

S. Weinstein/mn  
February 10, 2003

  
**STEVE WEINSTEIN**  
PRIMARY EXAMINER 1761  
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ATTACHMENT:

## SAMPLE AMENDMENT FORMAT

Conventional Heading Information  
for Amendment Supplied Here (Applicant, Appl. No., etc)

### AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 10, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In this construction the electric heating elements are positioned directly beneath the iron grid bars and melted fat is carried off in grooves formed in the upper surfaces of the bars. --

#### In the claims:

Please cancel claim 6.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) A griller as claimed in claim 1 wherein the power consumption of the heater element is 1250 watts and the weight of the grill member is about 3.5 kg.

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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 and 7-10 remain in this application. Claim 6 has been canceled. Claim 7 has been amended.

Claims.....

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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### VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

#### In the specification:

Paragraph beginning at line 15 of page 5 has been amended as follows:

In this construction the electric heating elements are positioned directly beneath the iron grid bars and melted fat is carried off in grooves formed in the upper surfaces of the bars.

#### In the claims:

Claim 6 has been canceled.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) A griller as claimed in claim 1 wherein the power consumption of the heater element is 1250 ~~4600~~ watts and the weight of the grill member is about 3.5 kg.

# Changes to the Patent Rules

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This is the third in a series of Patent News Bulletins to assist you in keeping up to date with significant rule changes which affect your area. Keep this copy to use as a bookmark for your present MPEP, or view this bulletin again on the USPTO Website.



## Simplified Amendment Practice. Replacement paragraphs/sections/claims to be used. 37 CFR 1.121

The rule package "Changes to the Patent Business Rules - Final Rule," published in the Federal Register on September 8, 2000, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (Sept. 8, 2000), and the Official Gazette on September 19, 2000, 1238 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 17 (September 19, 2000). The PBG rule package makes a number of revisions to Title 37.

The entire final rule may be found at the USPTO Website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/pbg/index.html>.

Areas and individuals primarily affected by this rule change include:  
(1) Patent Examiners and Tech Support Staff in the Technology Centers  
(2) Office of Patent Publication

Any questions related to this change in practice should be directed to Joe Naravoge, Special Projects Exr., (703-305-1793) OPLA

Mandatory compliance with the revised rule is not required until March 1, 2001. It is suggested that applicants adopt the revised procedures on or after November 7, 2000, in order to adjust to the changes in amendment practice.

Under the new amendment practice, amendments to the specification must be made by the submission of clean new or replacement paragraph(s), section(s), specification, or claim(s). This practice will provide a specification (including claims) in clean, or substantially clean, form that can be effectively captured and converted by optical character recognition (OCR) scanning during the patent printing process.

The new practice requires applicant to provide, in addition to the clean version of a replacement paragraph/section/claim, a marked-up version using applicant's choice of a conventional marking system to indicate the changes, which will aid the examiner in identifying the changes that have been made. The marked-up version must be based on the previous version and indicate (by markings) how the previous version has been modified to produce the clean version submitted in the current amendment. The term "previous version" means the version of record in the application as originally filed or from a previously entered amendment.

The following format is suggested in an amendment paper: (1) a clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim with clear instructions for entry; (2) starting on a separate page, any remarks/arguments (37 CFR 1.111); and (3)

starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled "Version with markings to show changes made."

Applicants will also be able to submit a clean set of all pending claims, consolidating all previous versions of pending claims from a series of separate amendments into a single clean version in a single amendment paper. This submission of a clean version of all of the pending claims will be construed as directing the cancellation of all previous versions of any pending claims. No marked-up version will be required to accompany the clean version where no changes other than the consolidation are being made.

*Amendment by  
paragraph/claim  
replacement in clean form.*

The amended rule encourages issuance of applications with an examiner's amendment without practitioners/applicants having to file a formal amendment. Additions or deletions of subject matter in the specification, including

the claims, may continue to be made in an examiner's amendment at the time of allowance by instructions to make any change at a precise location in the specification or the claims. An examiner's amendment may incorporate a printed copy of a fax or e-mail amendment submitted by applicant. Only that part of the e-mail or fax directed to a clean version, or a portion of, a paragraph/claim to be added should be printed and attached to the examiner's amendment, with a paper copy of the entire e-mail or fax being entered in the file. The electronic version of the e-mail is not required to be saved once the printed e-mail (and any attachments) becomes part of the application file record.



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